(c) The various constraints affecting exports pointed out by the granite industry have been taken up with the concerned State Governments and other authorities.

Capital requirement of tobacco trade

2736. DR. VELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total capital requirement of tobacco trade and how much of it is met by Nationalised Banks;

(b) whether there has been slump in the market for want of Bank guarantees to the traders, to the required amount; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Tobacco Board, to overcome this?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The total capital requirement for purchase and processing of 1992 Andhra Pradesh FCV tobacco for the tobacco trade is projected at Rs. 500 crores. This amount is not required by the trade all at one time as the trade rotates the capital basing on the trade turnover. The working capital limits sanctioned to exporters of tobacco/tobacco products by Commercial Banks aggregated to Rs. 186 crores for the 1992 crop season as against Rs. 93 crores for the 1991 crop season.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The fund requirement of the tobacco trade was promptly taken up with the RBI and the banks concerned, and the banks responded by providing necessary credit facilities in all cases of genuine need.

निर्यात संवर्धन के लिए समिति

2737. **श्री विनोद शर्मा :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश से निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने संबंधी उपाय सुझाने के लिए सात सदस्यीय समिति गठित की गई थी ;

(ख) क्या उक्त समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है और एक समयबद्ध योजना को कार्यान्वित करने का सुझाव है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो समयबद्ध योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इसे कार्यान्वित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) सरकार द्वारा अत्यधिक ध्यान दिए जाने वाले ' ऐसे 34 क्षेत्र अभिज्ञात किये गये थे जिनके मामले में सम्भाव्यता के आधार पर मूल्य अथवा मात्रा के रूप में प्रतिवर्ष 30% निर्यात वृद्धि प्राप्त की जा सके । इस सम्बन्ध में स्थापित 26 समूहों द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों के एक साथ प्रस्तुत करने के लिए एक सात सदस्यीय समिति गठित की गई थी ।

(ख) जी नहीं । समिति ने 16 जुलाई 1992 को अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है जिसका नाम है : "अत्यधिक ध्यान दिए जाने वाले उत्पादन समूहों में निर्यात वृद्धि के लिए कार्यनीति कार्यवाही के लिए कार्य सूची" ।

(ग) कार्यसूची में निम्नलिखित मुद्दों पर उद्योग/उत्पाद के साथ-साथ सुनिश्चित कार्यवाही के प्वाइंट दिए गए हैं :- (i) नीति (ii) कार्यविधि (iii) आधारिक संरचना तथा (iv) संस्थागत खाली वाली इन मुद्दों पर सरकार द्वारा कार्यान्वित किये जाने की सिफारिश उक्त 25 समूहों ने की थी ।

(घ) यह रिपोर्ट सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Export to Latin American countries

2738. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Exports to the Latin American countries have shown rising trend during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, country-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Exports from India to Latin American countries have risen from Rs. 149.01 crore in 1990-91 to Rs. 298.33 crore in 1991-92 registering 100 per cent increase. Details of country-wise exports are given in the attached statement.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Countries	Value of Exports	
		1990-91	1991-92
1	2	3	4
1	Argentina	8·55	40·81
2	Bahamas	1·48	2·71
3	Barbados	0·02	0·19
4	Bolivia	0·09	2·20
5	Brazil	26·32	42·70
6	Bermuda	1·71	0·48
7	Chile	5·71	19·97
8	Colombia	2·70	11·34
9	Costa Rica	0·68	0·78
10	Cuba	10·79	2·66
11	Dominic Republic	0·21	0·66
12	Dominica	0·05	0·28
13	Ecuador	0·19	1·07
14	El Salvador	0·02	0.61
15	Grenada	0·21	0·03
16	Guatemala	1·29	1·65
17	Guyana	0·12	3·85
18	Honduras	0·63	7·33
19	Haiti	0.28	0·44
20	Jamaica	0.39	1·54
21	Martinique	0·36	1·71
22	Mexico	38·22	68·80
23	N. Antilles	2.96	40·30

1	2	3	4
24	Nicargua	7·86	0·20
25	Panama Rep.	19·14	42.92
26	Paraguay	2.50	6·54
27	Peru	0·82	6.10
28	St. Lucia	0·03	0·05
29	Suriname	1·99	1.24
30	Trinidad & Tobago	2.73	5·00
31	Uruguay	1·12	3·26
32	Venezuela	9·83	16.88
33	Virgin Islands	0·01	0.03
	TOTAL	149.01	298.33

Functioning of Coffee Board

2739. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee growers have recently complained to the Central Government about their problems and functioning of Coffee Board of India;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to solve the problems of the coffee growers and revamp the Coffee Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that the production and export of coffee is declining; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to rectify the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Complaints received generally relate to:

1. Inadequacy of returns to growers;

2. Delay in payments to growers on account of delay in finalisation of Accounts;

3. Losses to the Growers' Pool fund due to the inefficient functioning of promotion units;

4. Malpractice in the Curing Works;

5. Inadequacy of Research efforts.

Action taken on the above are as follows:

1. Payment to growers depends upon the prices which the coffees fetch in the local market and also in international market. The sharp decline in prices in international market during the last 2 years has got reflected in total returns to growers.

2. Efforts are made to finalise accounts as early as possible so that payments could be effected early after the closure of accounts;

3. Selling price of Coffee Powder and Beans have been revised to be on a more rational basis and in tune with the prices prevailing in the market.

4. Rationalising functioning of Promotion Department and improve performance of Promotional Units.